

JULY 2009 PROGRAMS

MOUNDS STATE PARK

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DNR website: www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Friends of Mounds State Park website: www.MoundsStatePark.org

INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS

Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee. **All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.**

PROGRAM LOCATIONS: VC – Visitor Center VCP – Visitor Center Porch

The public can park at the **Campground Entrance** and then walk up to the campground.

JULY BIRD HIKE SERIES

Join avid birder, Jeff Brailey, every Thursday evening for a new and interesting topic on birds during a hike. Bring your binoculars if you have them, but we'll have a few to borrow too.

EACH THURSDAY AT 6:30pm

MEET AT THE VISITOR CENTER PORCH

JULY 2ND - WOODPECKERS

JULY 9TH - RAPTORS

JULY 16TH – BIRD CALLS AND SONGS

JULY 23RD – WOODLAND BIRDS

JULY 30TH – EVENING BIRDS AND OWLS

THURSDAY, JULY 2

6:30pm– WOODPECKER WANDER - Join avid birder, Jeff Brailey, for an easy evening hike to the mounds in search of the park's biggest woodpecker, the Pileated. Bring your binoculars if you have them, but we'll have a few to borrow too. **Meet at the Visitor Center Porch**

SATURDAY, JULY 4 "INDEPENDENCE DAY!"

11:00am– SALAMANDER GANDER – Go in search of these elusive amphibians on a short hike. See one up close and person. **VC**

1:00pm–4:00pm–BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN – Tour this important 1840's home.

2:30pm– ROCKETS! – Get ready for loud pops and fireworks this Fourth of July.

Learn how to make this simple, scientific rocket out of everyday items. **VCP**

8:00pm – COYOTE CALLS! – Yip, yip, yahooo! Join us on this 50-minute moderate hike as we discover the animal often mistaken as a wolf. We'll reveal the truths and myths about coyotes – "they'll eat my little dog?!" – "they run in dangerous packs?!" **Meet at Campground Showers.**

SUNDAY, JULY 5

11:00am – SKULLS AND SKINS – If you saw bones and fur on the trail, could you identify the animal? After this program, you should be able to. Get a close-up look at teeth, skulls, and furs from animals that call Mounds State Park home. **VC**

1:00pm–4:00pm–BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN – Tour this important 1840's home.

2:00pm–MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS– Discover how the truly independent pre-historic mound builders celebrated their lifestyle during this easy hike. Stroll into our prehistoric past and learn the who, when, how, and why the mounds were built. **VCP**

THURSDAY, JULY 9

6:30pm– RAPTOR WALK - Join avid birder, Jeff Brailey, for an easy evening hike in search of hawks, owls, and more. Bring your binoculars if you have them. **Meet at the Visitor Center Porch**

7:00pm– FRIENDS OF MOUNDS STATE PARK – Get involved and see what the park is planning next! Join a committee, attend a program, or just make some new friends! Refreshments provided. **VC**

SATURDAY JULY 11

11:00am–BUTTERFLY GARDEN TOUR – Get a guided tour of the butterfly garden and all it's beautiful flowers. Search for critters that call this place home too. **Butterfly Garden near the Pool House.**

1:00pm–4:00pm–BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN – Tour this important 1840's home.

2:00pm– WEB-SLINGERS– Discover ways spiders use their webs and create your own spider web. **VC**

8:00pm–SECRETS OF THE NIGHTTIME FOREST– Come join us for a fun nighttime adventure! We will learn about some special creatures that are adapted to the darkness and see how our own senses work at night. **Meet at Campground Shower Building**

SUNDAY JULY 12

11:00am–MONARCH MADNESS – Discover the amazing journey this butterfly takes to reach Indiana. We'll look around the garden to find caterpillars and adults. **Butterfly Garden near the Pool House.**

1:00pm–4:00pm–BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN – Tour this important 1840's home.

2:00pm– BAT BONANZA – “They'll get in my hair!” Learn the truth and the myths about bats by playing some fun games and activities. Then we'll get to see some live bats up-close and personal. **VC**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 TO FRIDAY JULY 17

WILDERNESS DAY CAMP! THIS CAMP IS FULL. JOIN US NEXT YEAR!

THURSDAY, JULY 16

6:30pm– CALLING ALL BIRDS – Join avid birder, Jeff Brailey, for an easy evening hike. Discover a variety of bird calls and learn to identify some common Indiana residents. Bring your binoculars if you have them. **Meet at the Visitor Center Porch**

SATURDAY, JULY 18

11:00am– LUNCHTIME FOR CRITTERS – Watch our nature center animals gobble down their favorite fruits, vegetables, and of course, worms! **VC**

1:00pm–4:00pm–BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN – Tour this important 1840's home.

2:30pm– ANIMAL TRACKS– Who's been walking through the forest or your backyard? Make your very own animal track guide that will help you find out. **VC**

7:00pm – ANIMALS DO THE GROSSIEST THINGS – We all know there are animals that can run fast and fly high, but did you know there are some animals that excel at being gross? **Behind Campground Showers: Bring a lawnchair or blanket.**

SUNDAY, JULY 19

1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN – Tour this important 1840's home.

2:30pm-BOX TURTLE BLUES – Ever wonder why you don't see many box turtles in the wild? Join us for a turtle talk and walk, and learn about their struggles. **VCP**

THURSDAY, JULY 23

6:30pm- WOODLAND WINGS – Join avid birder, Jeff Brailey, for an easy evening hike. Look for birds that prefer the woodlands. Bring your binoculars if you have them, but we'll have a few to borrow too. **Meet at the Visitor Center Porch**

SATURDAY, JULY 25

11:00am-MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS– Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Learn the who, when, how, and why the mounds were built. **VCP**

1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN – Tour this important 1840's home.

2:00pm- ALIEN INVASION – Did you know that the common earthworm was an "alien"? Discover some other aliens that have made their way into Mounds State Park. **VCP**

7:30pm- RIVER RAMBLE – Join us for an evening stroll down to the river. Discover the amazing animals that call White River home. **Meet at the Campground Store.**

SUNDAY, JULY 26

1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN – Tour this important 1840's home.

2:00pm- "EARIE CANAL" BENCH – Let's walk down to the river and sit at this unique bench. Discover who made it and why, and what's with the shape? **VCP**

THURSDAY, JULY 30

6:30pm- END OF THE DAY BIRDS – Join avid birder, Jeff Brailey, for an easy evening hike.

Discover the dusk and nighttime birds and practice calling to them. Bring your binoculars if you have them. **Meet at the Visitor Center Porch**